

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Carolina, Inc. d/b/a MetTel filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and long distance telecommunications services throughout the State of South Carolina. The Applicant proposes to offer Enhanced Network Services, Internet Services, Local Exchange Services, Long Distance Services, Switched Access Services, Special Access and Private Line Service, and Integration Services. In addition, the Applicant requests that the Commission regulate its interexchange business service, consumer card, and operator service offerings in accordance with the principles and procedures established for Alternative Regulation in Order No. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. Also, the Applicant requests that the Commission regulate its local exchange services in accordance with the principles and procedures established for Flexible Regulation in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 and is available through Mr. John J. Pringle, Esquire, 1321 Lady Street, Suite 310, Columbia, SC, 29201.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **2:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2001**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina, 29210.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws – Section 58-9-280, as amended, the Commission will invoke the 120-day period allowed for consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director, at the address below, and Mr. John J. Pringle, Esquire, at the previously stated address in writing, on or before **April 23, 2001**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2001-84-C**.

Any person who wishes to present his views to the Public Service Commission may do so in writing, on or before **April 23, 2001**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2001-84-C**.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with Commission's Procedures, on or before **April 23, 2001**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2001-84-C**.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5105.

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